

# The Acorn

## Installation Highlights Convocation

By Lynn Mertz and Sean Fulton

**F**RIDAY's Fall Convocation was an hour and a half of events, highlighted by Dean Paolo Cucchi's installation as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

University President Paul Hardin awarded his first Presidential Citation to Professor Philip Jensen of the psychology department for having "the most fertile and creative imagination on campus." Hardin added that Jensen had been constantly trying to innovate Drew, helping the college to always improve its image.

In all, fourteen bachelor of arts degrees, twenty six master of arts, letters, theology, divinity, and philosophy, and thirty two doctoral degrees were conferred on university students last Friday as part of the Fall Convocation held annually in October. Students receiving degrees had completed their requirements for graduation during the summer sessions, or had previously fulfilled the requirements, but asked that their commencement be delayed. Continued on page three



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Bowing their heads during convocation prayer are Registrar Barent Johnson, Dean Paolo Cucchi, President Paul Hardin, and Trustee Barbara Howell.

## Tariq Ahsan Returns to Drew

by Maggie Galehouse

**N**OW you see, I'm standing here in front of you in flesh and blood," began Tariq Ahsan, a 1977 Drew graduate, who, after two years and two months of imprisonment in Pakistan, returned to relate his experience and express his thanks to the Drew chapter of Amnesty International, the human rights organization that works on behalf of prisoners of conscience.

On Monday night in Great Hall, Ahsan spoke before a large number of students, faculty, and Amnesty International supporters.

"When I left my country to come to Drew, it had been a democracy; an imperfect democracy, but a democracy nevertheless," he said. After attending Carleton University in Ottawa, where he received a Ph.D. in political science, Ahsan returned home to Pakistan in 1979 to find that all political parties had been banned and that the government had complete press censorship. When he began teaching for the Department of Pakistan studies he found changes within the university system as well. Teachers at the University could be transferred to any other educational institution in the country and "the government could appoint anyone, with any qualifications, to any post in the University." Ahsan and his colleagues felt that "all



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these new rules were designed to curb the autonomy of universities." In fact, two weeks before his arrest, the government appointed two brigadiers as professors to the university. "Our fears seemed to be coming true," said Ahsan.

In December 1981, Ahsan was at the home of one of his colleagues. A friend asked to borrow his motorcycle and he consented. The next day he returned home to find his apartment ransacked by police who maintained that his friend had used the motorcycle to distribute copies of *Democratic Pakistan*, a pamphlet which "contained news which the censored press of the country was not allowed to carry," Ahsan said. The authorities wanted information regarding the publisher of the pamphlets but Ahsan did not have any.

Ahsan said he was held by police for the next four days, being denied sleep in the attempt to weaken him and "admit" to his alleged political involvement. At the end of this time, the supervisor was convinced that Ahsan was innocent of the charges surrounding his arrest. "Left-leaning magazines", however, had been found in his apartment and so he was driven to an interrogation center along with other suspects. There, he

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## WMNJ To Cover Elections At 'Election Night Watch'

by Greg Crawford

**C**OVERAGE of the 1984 presidential election will be the highlight at "Election Night Watch," sponsored by WMNJ, the Student Government Association (SGA) and the political science department. The event, scheduled to take place in the University Center, will be centralized in room 107 and will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue until all the election results have been counted.

WMNJ will consistently broadcast incoming election results and be updating analyses of the election throughout the evening. Providing commentary on the present American political situation will be political science students and professors.

UC 107 will be specially equipped with several televisions and a large map of the United States to help follow election results across the country. "We will be connected with a network of college radio stations nationwide to help in the national coverage," said WMNJ Community Relations

Director Amy Rosta, one of the event's organizers. This network will be originating from the radio station of the State University of New York in Albany.

"Because Drew is located in the eleventh district, we will be paying particularly close attention to the races in that district and we also will be closely watching other state and local elections," said Rosta.

According to Rosta, the last time similar election coverage was done, WMNJ was called WERD, and was an AM station which could only be heard on campus. "Coverage of a presidential election has never been so extensive at Drew," she noted.

Rosta also noted that approximately fifty people will be working on the coverage over the course of the night and that "Everyone is encouraged to come in and keep up-to-date on the results." Coffee and doughnuts will be served throughout the night.

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